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| Filing Date | July 26, 2000 |
| First Named Inventor | Rabiner et al. |
| Art Unit | 3737 |
| Examiner Name | Mantis Mercader, Eleni M. |
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- i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Rely Brief previously filed on _____

- ii. ☐ Other _____

- b. ☒ Enclosed

- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply previously filed on May 3, 2004

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**RESPONSE TO ADVISORY ACTION AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED
EXAMINATION**

Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action mailed on August 3, 2004, Applicants are filing herewith a Request for Continued Examination to have the Amendment filed on May 3, 2004 entered and considered.

The Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge any fees to Deposit Account No. 16-0085, Reference 20563/2122. A duplicate of this transmittal letter is enclosed for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

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